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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

ALSO FOR ASST. SECY. MAYNES AND D/HA PATRICIA DERIAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ON RESETTLEMENT OF  
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN JAPAN

1. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING SEPTEMBER 7TH WITH THE  
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE GOJ ATTITUDE  
TOWARD VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. I TOLD HIM THAT THE UNITED  
STATES HAD MADE A CONSIDERABLE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT TO THE UNHCR  
AND THAT SINCE THE RESETTLEMENT PROBLEMS FOR THE VIETNAMESE  
APPARENTLY WERE SO DIFFICULT WITHIN THE ASIAN REGION, IT WOULD  
BE ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL IF THE GOJ WERE ABLE TO GIVE THE  
UNHCR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

2. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE BELIEVED  
HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO EASE ITS ATTITUDES  
AND PROCEDURES REGARDING TEMPORARY ASYLUM FOR THOSE  
VIETNAMESE WHO REACHED JAPAN, BUT HE INDICATED THAT THERE  
WAS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GOJ WOULD CHANGES IT ATTITUDE TOWARD  
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PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OF SUCH REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT THE GOJ  
WAS PLANNING AN IMPORTANT INCREASE IN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE UNHCR IN 1978.

3. I PRESSED HIM FURTHER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN  
EMERGENCY GRANT TO HELP THE UNHCR MEET THE  
UNANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PROBLEM.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD THE UNHCRR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND WAS VISITING JAPAN ON SEPTEMBER 14TH. THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT IF THE THAI PRIME MINISTER WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM WHILE IN TOKYO THAT MIGHT PROVIDE AN AUSPICIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE JAPANESE TO CONSIDER MAKING AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THIS WAS A SUGGESTION WORTH PURSUING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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